THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The naxal violence in Bihar increased during 2004 as compared to 2003.

(b) Inter-Party clashes involving CPML-PW, MCCI, CPML-Liberation and Ranvir Sena mainly led to this increase besides spread of naxal activities in parts other than South Bihar.

The Government has asked the naxal affected States to intensify anti-naxalite operations keeping the door for a peace dialogue with naxal groups open. Besides reviewing and co-ordinating the steps taken by the States to counter the menace of naxalism by the Coordination Centre and the Task Force on Naxalism, the MHA provides financial assistance to the naxal affected States in the form of reimbursement of the security related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme. Funds are also provided for modernization of State Police forces for upgrading the weaponry, equipment mobility, training etc. under the Police Modernization (PM) Scheme to enable them to effectively meet the threat to internal security and law and order posed by the naxals.

On the development side, the Central Government has advised the States to accord a higher priority in their annual plans for the accelerated integrated development of the naxal affected districts. On its part, the Central Government has included 55 districts in 9 States including Bihar badly affected by naxalism under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY).

Developing capabilities to deal with nuclear disaster

2381. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are developing capabilities of effectively dealing with nuclear disaster, either deliberately designed by any belligerent nation or through sheer accident;

(b) if so, how active association ordinary citizens being primary victims, with such an exercise is being sought; and

(c) whether any guidelines being structured to be followed and practised by such functionaries from time to time and their percolation at ground level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) Civil Defence set up in the country is an integral part of the preparedness and response for nuclear disasters and that the training of Civil Defence Instructors has already begun. They in turn, will train the Civil Defence volunteers.

Kidney transplantation cases in Hospitals

2382. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that many hospitals in the country are allegedly involved in kidney transplantation, if so, how many of them found involved alongwith names of such hospitals and number of cases registered against;

(b) what action Government have taken or going to take against such hospitals; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any concrete plan to prevent such type of practice in future, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) and (b) Recently, five cases of alleged illegal transplant of kidneys in hospitals located in Delhi have come to the notice of the Government of India. In this connection, Delhi Police have registered FIRs against Research and Referral Hospital, New Delhi; Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. The cases are under investigation by the Delhi Police. One case has also been reported from Maharashtra in respect of Bombay Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai. In terms of Section 13 of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, the Central and State Governments are empowered to appoint Appropriate Authorities for the purpose of the Act who are empowered to investigate any complaint of breach of provisions of the Act, including those pertaining to sale and purchase of human organs. The DGHS and Additional DG (Hospital) are the Appropriate Authority appointed by the Central Government in respect of Union Territories. With regard to States, Director Health Services are Appropriate Authority in their respective States.